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I hope, my dear friend, you will not be porry with me, as Mrs Child used to say because of my opinion in respect to Lady Byron's dinner on Miss Murray. If you are not very strenuous, I had much rather not put them into the Bell. I think them pretty & poetical, but I could not conscientiously use the Bell as an instrumentality to compliment so highly such a written work as Miss Murray's. I would not put in a Sonnet addressed to Dr Adams, praising him for his fidelity & zeal for the conversion of the Hebrides, & no more can I endorse Miss Murray. I do not at all blame Lady Byron for taking a more lenient view of her friend's character than I do, but it is not for us, as abolitionists to go behind the shameful proslavery position that Miss M. occupies & declare this is an extraordinary or an otherwise excellent woman.



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